(2) Yes, but other arrangements were made for the supply of sufficient quantity of water.

The St. Joseph's Catholic Syrian Bank Ltd., Narakkal.

143. Mr. Poulo Mampilli.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) if the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies or his Assistant has, during the inspection of the books, etc., of the St. Joseph's Catholic Syrian Bank Ltd., Narakkal, come across unstamped or insufficiently stamped documents or promissory notes;

(b) if they have so come across, on how many instances;

(c) and what action have they taken to have due stamp fees collected;

(d) if they have not come across such instances, will the Government be pleased to instruct those officers to inspect and find out the real state of affairs?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—(a), (b) and (c). The Assistant Registrar inspected the records of the Bank, but no unstamped or insufficiently stamped documents or promissory notes came to his notice.

(d) The Government do not consider it necessary to issue the instructions referred to.

The criterion in selecting officers for promotion.

144. Mr. Chakko Cheruvattur.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether qualification, both academic and special, or mere length of service under our Government is the criterion in selecting officers for the higher appointments in the State?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—The Member is referred to S. O. No. 18.

The circular regarding Kanom deeds.

145. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(1) is there a circular issued by the Government or the Superintendent of Registration that only *Kanom* demises with a provision that they shall be renewed at the end of 12 years from the date of the demise shall alone be registered in the Registry Offices in Cochin, and that in the absence of such provision the document should be refused registration;

(2) if so, in how many cases, have registration been refused on this ground by each of the Registrars in the Cochin State, since the Tenancy Regulation came into force;

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